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## IN THE CLAIMS:

The listing of claims below will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application, and includes cancelled claims 3, 14, and 16-64, and newly added claims 65-71.

1. (currently amended) An interlock for a drawer positionable within a cabinet, the drawer being movable in the cabinet in a first direction toward an open position and in a second, opposite direction toward a closed position, said interlock comprising:

an elongated, flexible member;

a rotatable lever adapted to switch the amount of slack in said elongated, flexible member between a low slack condition and a high slack condition by rotating between a first and second position, respectively;

an engagement member attached to said drawer and positioned to cause said rotatable lever to rotate toward said first position when said drawer is initially moved from the closed position in the first direction; and

a biasing member positioned adjacent said lever, said biasing member adapted to exert a biasing force that tends to prevent said lever from rotating from said second position to said first position until said drawer is moved in said first direction to the open position wherein said engagement member further comprises a projection that communicates with a slot that moves with said drawer.

2. (currently amended) The interlock of claim 1 wherein said biasing member is a spring further comprising a biasing member positioned adjacent said lever, said biasing member adapted to exert a biasing force that tends to prevent said lever from rotating from said second position to said first position until said drawer is moved in said first direction to the open position.

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- 3. (canceled)
- 4. (original) The interlock of claim 1 wherein said elongated, flexible member is a cable.
- 5. (currently amended) The interlock of claim 1 wherein said elongated, flexible member is in communication with at least one other drawer interlock associated with another drawer, said at least one other drawer interlock adapted to change said elongated, flexible member from the high slack to the low slack condition when the at least one other another drawer is moved to an open position.
- 6. (original) The interlock of claim 1 wherein said elongated, flexible member is in communication with a lock, said lock adapted to selectively change said elongated, flexible member between said low and high slack conditions.
- 7. (original) The interlock of claim 6 further including a second, elongated flexible member in communication with a second lock and said lever, said second lock adapted to selectively change said second elongated, flexible member between said low and high slack conditions.
- 8. (currently amended) The interlock of claim 1 wherein said lever and said biasing member are is to be mounted on a drawer slide member, said drawer slide member mounted to said cabinet and adapted to allow said drawer to slide between said open and said closed position.
- 9. (currently amended) The interlock of claim 8 wherein said interlock is to be solely mounted to said drawer slide member such that removal of the drawer slide member from the cabinet also removes said interlock.

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10. (original) The interlock of claim 1 wherein said rotatable lever is configured to translate a first force exerted on the drawer in the first direction into a second force exerted against said elongated, flexible member that is less than said first force.

- 11. (original) The interlock of claim 10 wherein said second force is less than one-half of said first force.
- 12. (original) The interlock of claim 10 wherein said second force is less than one-fifth of said first force.
- 13. (original) The interlock of claim 10 wherein said second force is less than one-twentieth of said first force.
  - 14. (canceled)
- 15. (original) The interlock of claim 4 further including a cable guide adapted to snap-fittingly receive the cable from at least one direction.

Claims 16 - 64 (canceled).

65. (New) An interlock for a drawer positionable within a cabinet, the drawer being movable in the cabinet in a first direction toward an open position and in a second, opposite direction toward a closed position, said interlock comprising:

an elongated, flexible member adapted to be changeable between a high slack condition and a low slack condition;

a cam member having a driving surface, and having a projection that communicates with a slot that moves with said drawer; and

an actuating member positioned to be operatively engageable with said elongated, flexible member, and engageable with the cam driving surface, said actuating member adapted to change said elongated, flexible member to said low slack position when the

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drawer is opened and to allow said elongated flexible member to exist in said high slack condition when the drawer is closed, and wherein the actuating member is adapted to move with respect to the elongated, flexible member faster than the driving surface moves when the drawer is initially being moved toward an open position.

- 66. (New) The interlock of claim 65 wherein the actuating member further comprises a rotatable lever.
  - 67. (New) The interlock of claim 65 wherein the cam member is rotatable.
- 68. (New) The interlock of claim 65 further comprising a spring that exerts a force on said actuating member.
- 69. (New) The interlock of claim 65 wherein the actuating member is adapted to move a distance with respect to the elongated, flexible member at least five times greater than the distance the drawer moves when initially being moved toward an open position.
- 70. (New) The interlock of claim 65 wherein the cam member is to be mounted on a drawer slide member.
- 71. (New) The interlock of claim 65 wherein the interlock is to be mounted on a drawer slide.